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Commerce Earns Re-Accreditation, Recognized Among Top 25 Chambers in Canada

The Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce proudly joins an esteemed cohort of 25 Chambers nationwide acknowledged for their commitment to excellence, achieving or maintaining accreditation, the highest national standard in Chamber operations.

The Chamber's re-accreditation, awarded on December 4 by the Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada (CACC), stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to fostering business growth and advocacy within the community.

Premiers Discuss Healthcare, Immigration, Housing, Infrastructure

Premier Tim Houston met with his Atlantic counterparts to discuss the top priorities for Atlantic Canadians during a virtual meeting of the Council of Atlantic Premiers today, December 11. Prince Edward Island Premier Dennis King chaired the meeting.

The discussion included: The premiers' commitment to improving the delivery of healthcare services and working together to address regional healthcare challenges; the need for further collaboration with the federal government for targeted immigration and workforce strategies to address continued labour shortages, especially in healthcare and the skilled trades; need for the federal government to work with Atlantic provinces on new ways of increasing the housing supply and on funding strategic infrastructure and importance of interprovincial ferry services in the Atlantic region and the need for the federal government to have plans in place to ensure their affordability, reliability and availability into the future.

Apply for Canada Summer Jobs now

Applications for the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program was November 20th, 2023, and will end on January 10, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Time). For 2024, CSJ is maintaining its regular parameters and will offer quality jobs during the summer season with an aim to fund over 70,000 jobs for youth.

Not-for-profit employers can receive a wage subsidy up to 100% of the current provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage. Whereas public and private sector employers are eligible to receive a wage subsidy of up to 50% of the current provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage.

If your organization already has an existing Grants and Contributions Online Services (GCOS) account, log in to your account to apply. If you do not already have a GCOS account, create your account today and take note of your

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And you can get it all in the palm of your hands with our new app - YourHealthNS. It helps Nova Scotians navigate the system, find the closest health services, book appointments and find information easier and faster, no matter where you are in the province.

In August, we launched our new LifeFlight plane. Transporting non-critical patients from Yarmouth or Sydney to Halifax, LifeFlight has saved more than 3,600 hours of ground ambulance time.

Nova Scotia is leading the country in healthcare innovation with groundbreaking technologies that will revolutionize the way we

treat cancer. Starting in January, cancer patients in Nova Scotia will experience the first-in-the-world Ethos radiotherapy system with HyperSight imaging, which will decrease the average number of treatments from 20 to five.

We got a lot done in 2023. My message for 2024 is the same. Let's do more. Let's go faster. And let's do it together.

Wishing you all the best in the New Year!

Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia can be reached at premier@novascotia.ca

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individual we believed to be the owner or leader of this project. We never received any return calls. At this time, I do not believe he is in any leadership role. We will be attempting to arrange a community meeting with the current leadership early in the new year. From a Provincial Government's point of view, as I understand it, the current concerns are roads and the environment. My position on roads is that there should be one way into this project and one way out, and that should be from the 104 HWY. I will do everything I can to keep any and all traffic associated with this container terminal/redistribution center off local roads. With respect to environment, any project of this magnitude will require a full and rigorous environmental assessment.

The second project is the expansion of the Osco operation at Glenholme. They have a gravel crushing, washing and concrete operation along the Little Dyke Road. There is no announcement at this time, but the residents that have contacted me seem pretty sure that a major expansion is about to take place. The company has advised the community that they intend to relocate to a pit they currently own and their crushing/ washing operation will be there.

I am told more than 100 acres of land which, I believe is existing farmland, will be purchased by Osco and their operation will expand over to and around parts of the Little Dyke Lake community. If this is factual, I have several significant concerns I will attempt to address:

First, the idea of losing that many acres of agricultural land goes against everything I believe in and regularly comment on pertaining

to local agriculture, food production and food security.

Second, although I believe it is an important operation, I am concerned about its encroachment and proximity to residential properties with respect to noise, dust, and property values.

Third, is the potential for heavy traffic and the damage from it on the portion of the road that has double chip.

Fourth is the concern about the water table/aquifer as excavation occurs closer to the lake.

Finally, since this issue has been brought to my attention, I have looked around at the pits in the Glenholme Community. In my opinion, they have become unsightly. If I have my way, those days will be over! Mining or quarrying are an important part of our economy and provide much needed material and I strongly support this industry. However, much has changed over the past 25 years and these operations need to be MODERNIZED.

I sit on several committees in government. Many times, in the past 2 years I have seen numbers in the hundreds of millions of dollars spent to reclaim old mining sites. I call it the sins of our forefathers. I know for a fact that the mining and quarrying companies are extremely environmentally conscious today. They must be to survive!! I do not want the Glenholme area to be a bunch of old gravel pits that are an eyesore, and I will try to have them cleaned up and the land somehow repurposed.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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engagement.

I would like to try and clear up some confusion, people ask why they were not notified. These lands are privately owned, and partnerships were formed between Millbrook First Nations and CREWS. The municipality's role is to make sure all bylaws are met, and any permits needed are complete.

The developers are the ones to be holding engagement sessions as they would have answers for you as this is their project/development. I will be advocating for this to happen, although they have advised this will take place as did the

proponents of the Wind turbine project. That being said if you have questions before those sessions happen you can reach out to me and if I don't have the answer for you, I will get it.

I will do my best to keep the residents of District 9 informed of upcoming meetings, and engagement sessions as well as post on my District 9 Councillor page on Facebook.

You are welcome to reach out to me at any time either by email or phone.

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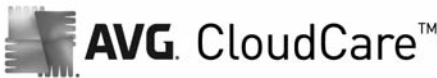
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of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, the Department of Agriculture, 4-H Nova Scotia, Rawhide Entertainment, and the Central NS Civic Centre Society Ltd.

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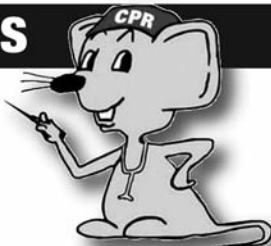
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